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BULBLETS OF MICROSTYLIS OPHIOGLOSSOIDES .- Upon July 30th, 1903, it was my good fortune to find an unusually fine specimen of Microstylis ophioglossoides, the stem measuring eleven inches from top of bulb to tip of raceme. While I was preparing it for the press my attention was attracted to several bulblets which had formed underneath the loose outer coat of the bulb very much as the bulblets form upon Vallota bulbs. They were pearly white and closely resembled small kernels of rice. There was no regularity in their position upon the mature bulb. One of the bulblets had already sent up a tiny leaf upon a stem half an inch in length and plainly exhibited the same double structure and the same general form as mature bulbs. Microstylis ophioglossoides is not uncommon in this locality but it seems to be a shy seeder, as I seldom find more than one or two capsules formed from a raceme of blossoms. Therefore it would seem as if Nature provided for its propagation in another method than by seed. — HARRIET A. NYE, Fairfield Center, Maine.

CLEOME SERRULATA IN MAINE.—On August 3rd, 1903, a party of ladies were waiting for the train at Moosehead Inn Station on the line of the Canadian Pacific Railroad. Being interested in botany they improved the opportunity by seeking for novel flowers, and just as the train was coming into the station one of their number, Miss Harriet Burr, found a small plant about five inches in height growing in the very middle of the railroad track. This was submitted to the writer and by him determined as *Cleome serrulata*, Pursh. The specimen was sent to Mr. M. L. Fernald of the Gray Herbarium who verified the identification and reported that it was new to the State.—O. W. Knight, Bangor, Maine.

HELENIUM NUDIFLORUM IN GROTON, CONNECTICUT.— On July 29th, 1903, while walking through the mowing lot at Esker Point, near Noauk, I came across a plant in bud which looked like a Rudbeckia, but left it to develop. On my next trip a few days afterwards I found it unfolded, and it proved to be *Helenium nudiflorum* Nutt. This time I found four or five other plants of the same species a few yards away. As the grass was mowed soon after, I saw no more